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1. From 18 to 20 April 1952, the troops in the barracks installation on the east side of Leipzigerstrasse in Altenburg (N 51/K 27) made preparations for their departure. Billeting equipment was loaded on 20 April and troops were entrained during the night of 20 April. Among the material loaded there were: trucks

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and 6 other caterpillar tractors, each towing 1 x 100-mm AT gun. About 450 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia were noticed during the loading process. Twelve officers, 40 EM and 120 recruits remained at the installation on 21 April. (1)

2. Between 15 and 21 April 1952, the barracks installation on the west side of Leipzigerstrasse was occupied by 500 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. Troops drilled in the barracks yard daily. An unusual large number of new officers were seen entering and leaving the installation.

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3. [REDACTED] In addition to the troops, weapons, vehicles and equipment from the Reuss Kaserne in Gera (N 51/K 06) were loaded between 15 and 18 April. On 18 April, 35 guns, 18 prime movers, 50 trucks, and about 1,000 troops were loaded. About 300 soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets remained at the installation. (3)

4. On 19 April, the Panzer Kaserne in Tinz, north of Gera, quartered about 250 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets. (4)

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5. On 10 April, a column of 26 tanks moved along Koenigsbrueckerstrasse, Dresden (N 52/F 29), toward Koenigsbrueck (N 52/A 31). Eight trucks, [REDACTED] loaded with billeting equipment proceeded the same route on 11 April. (5)

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6. Between 11 and 19 April, the occupation of the barracks installations of Weimar (N 51/J 57) was unchanged from previous periods of observation. On 16 and 17 April,

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100 new trucks, [redacted] were detrain25X1
at the freight station and subsequently moved toward Euchenwald. A convoy of 12
trucks passed through Weimar from the direction of Jena (151/J 66) and proceeded
toward Eittersburg on 19 April. Four of the trucks [redacted] 25X1
each carrying 20 soldiers wearing black-bordered
black epaulets. The convoy included radio trucks [redacted] (6) 25X1

Field Comments.

- 25X1 (1) [redacted] components of the 43d Army Arty Bnig were loaded 25X1
25X1 (2) [redacted] reported 1,200 troops to have been stationed there at the end of
March 1952. On the basis of the present report, it is therefore possible that
artillery units moved out of this barracks installation also. [redacted]
25X1 (3) The observations [redacted]
25X1 [redacted] indicate that a total of 3,200 troops, 12 x 100-mm AT guns, 13 x 76-mm
AT guns, 35 heavy guns and light guns, 76 prime movers and 200 trucks were loaded
and dispatched between 15 and 18 April 1952. Except for the high number of heavy
and light guns, the information in the two reports is rather credible. [redacted]
25X1 (4) [redacted]
no changes seem to have occurred in the situation of the occupation of the Panzer
Kaserne.
25X1 (5) [redacted] a tank battalion of the 11th Gds Tank Div.
(6) [redacted] the truck convoy seen on 19 April presumably
belongs to a headquarters engineer unit of the First Gds Recz Army.

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